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OPTICAL TRANSMISSION APPARATUS WITH AN OPTIMAL  
ROUTING AND DATA TRANSMITTING CAPABILITY AND A  
METHOD OF DETERMINING AN OPTICAL ROUTE ON OPTICAL  
TRANSMISSION

Sir:

Please find attached hereto a patent application which includes::

Specification, Claims, Declaration and Power of Attorney form

Formal Drawings: 6 sheets (Figs. 1A-7)

Assignment and certified cover sheet

Certified copy of Japan 2001-056266 filed March 1, 2001. Priority is claimed  
under 35 USC 119.

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Basic Fee \$740.....	\$ 740.00
Total number of claims in excess of 20 <u>0</u> times \$18	<u>0</u>
Number of independent claims <u>2</u> 1, 6	<u>0</u>
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